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SUBJECT: ZHIVKOV ON ANTI-SOVIETISM

1. TO ENSURE THAT TODOR ZHIVKOV'S PYROTECHNICS IN DEFENSE  
OF SOVIET UNION AND ATTACKING WEST DO NOT GO UNNOTICED IN  
FLOOD OF RHETORIC FROM 25TH CPSSR CONGRESS, WE QUOTE  
BELOW SOME OF THE MORE COLORFUL PASSAGES FROM BOTH HIS  
CONGRESS SPEECH AND ONE GIVEN TO SOVIET-BULGARIAN  
FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION.

2. FROM CONGRESS SPEECH:

"SINCE THE EXISTENCE OF THE SOVIET UNION, DECADE AFTER  
DECADE, YEAR AFTER YEAR, DAY IN AND DAY OUT, THE ENEMIES  
OF SOCIALISM HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO FLING MUD AT THE SUN, TO  
OBSCURE THE AUREOLE OF THE GREAT SOVIET COUNTRY. AT PRESENT  
THE SLANDERERS DO NOTHING BUT LAMENT ABOUT THE FREEDOM OF  
THE SOVIET MAN AND THE DEMOCRACY OF SOVIET SOCIETY, THE  
LATEST TOPIC OF ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA. WEEPING ARE THE  
MONOPOLISTS AND THE BIG LANDOWNERS, WAILING ARE THE NOT QUITE  
DEAD WAR CRIMINALS AND THEIR SUCCESSORS, CRYING ARE THE FASCIST  
GANGS, WEEPING ARE THE ISRAELI AGGRESSORS AND THE HOARSE VOICES  
OF THE 'FREE' PRESS AND THE 'FREE' RADIO STATIONS. BUT WE ARE  
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AWARE THAT THIS WILL NOT BE THE FIRST NOR THE LAST ABSURD WEEPING

IN THE HISTORY OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE."

3. THEME WAS AMPLIFIED IN THE SPEECH TO SOVIET-BULGARIAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION MARCH 2.

"WE REALIZE WELL WHO ONCE AGAIN ORGANIZES, AND WITH WHAT AIM, THE ANTI-SOVIET HYSTERICS IN THE WEST, AND WE KNOW WHO IS CRYING OVER DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM IN THE SOVIET UNION, AND WE KNOW WHAT IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE DREGS OF THE PEN PROPAGANDA. ONLY THIRTY YEARS AGO WE WERE ALSO SOMETHING LIKE THE 'WEST'. WE WERE A COUNTRY IN WHICH TORRENTS OF UNPUNISHED ANTI-SOVIET LIES AND SLANDERS WERE UNLEASHED DAY IN AND DAY OUT, WHILE EVEN THE MOST INNOCENT WORD IN DEFENSE OF THE SOVIET UNION BROUGHT ONE INTO COURT, INTO PRISON, OR IN A CONCENTRATION CAMP. ALL PEOPLES, AND PARTICULARLY THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE, ARE WELL AWARE OF THE FACT THAT ANTI-SOVIETISM PRECEDES EVERY REACTIONARY AND FASCIST CAMPAIGN, JUST AS A BRASS BAND MARCHES IN FRONT OF A REGIMENT. ONCE AGAIN THOSE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FREEDOM OF THE FREE SOVIET MAN ARE THOSE WHO ARE NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE CONSTANTLY RISING PRICES IN THEIR SHOPS, ABOUT THE FATE OF THE UNEMPLOYED IN THEIR TERRITORY, ABOUT THE ILLITERACY OF THE CHILDREN OF THEIR OWN CITIZENS, ABOUT THE HUNDRED OF MILLIONS OF FAMINE-STRICKEN AND UNDERFED PEOPLE IN ASIA, AFRICA, AND LATIN AMERICA, ABOUT THE UNRESOLVED AND INSOLUBLE PROBLEMS IN A WORLD IN WHICH THE MOST NATURAL IMPULSES OF THE INDIVIDUAL DIE AWAY."

"AT ONE TIME THERE WAS ADVANCED THE MYTH OF THE SO-CALLED IRON CURTAIN. WHEN THIS MYTH COLLAPSED BEFORE THE EYES OF CONTEMPORARIES, NOW AGAIN A SMOKE SCREEN IS BEING RAISED. EVIDENTLY THE IMPERIALISTS WILL ALWAYS NEED SOME KIND OF A SCREEN\* THEIR ONLY GOAL IS THAT THERE BE SOMETHING WHICH WILL CONCEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION AND SOCIALISM FROM THE ORDINARY PEOPLE OF THE CAPITALIST WORLD."

4. COMMENT: THEME ALTHOUGH NOT EXACTLY NEW WAS A HIT WHEN PLAYED BY BULGARIAN STAR PEFORMER ON TOUR, AND NOW THERE WILL BE INNUMERABLE VARIATIONS BY ALL THE LESSER ARTISTS AT HOME. RABOTNICHESKO DELO ALREADY ON MARCH 4 CARRIED EDITORIAL ENTITLED "THE ABSURD WEEPING" WHICH WAS SIGNED BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITS EDITOR AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT MEMBER GEORGI BOKOV. THE BCP ELEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS (MARCH 29-APRIL 2) WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE A GALA PERFORMANCE FOR THE HOME FOLKS.  
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